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SUBJ: SOMALI ROLE IN CLOSING GULF OF ADEN

1. SOMALI OCT BER S*AR DECEMBER 29 CARRIES UNDER HEADLINE, "SOMALI-ARAB ALGEANCE CAN CLOSE SOUTHERN PART OF RED SEA", DECEMBER 28 REUTER *EPORT FROM CAIRO TO EFFECT THAT HEYKAL IN AL AHAM STATED THAT ARABS COULD STRENGTHEN THEIR POSITION AGAINST ISRAEL BY COORDINATING WITH SOMALIA IN EXPANDING SEA BLOCKADE BEYOND BAB EL MANDEB TO CAPE GUARDAFUL.

2. COMMENT. NO OFFICIAL OR EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THIS TO DATE. SOMALI 200-MILE TERRITORIAL CLAIM (MOGADISCIO 1676) WITH ITS PROHIBITION OF PASSAGE OF SHIPS "HAVING NATIONALITY OF STATES NOT RECOGNIZED BY GSDR" AND OF FOREIGN WARSHIPS UNLESS AUTHORIZED
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BY GSDR COULD BE USED AS "BASIS" FOR SOMALI ACTION IN CLOSING

OFF GULF OF ADEN (EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THIS RE-
CENTLY-PUBLISHED LAW, DATED SEPTEMBER 1972, IS RELATED TO MIDDLE
EAST SITUATION). AS NOTED IN MOGADISCIO 1676 HOWEVER, SOMALIA
(WITH SIX PATROL CRAFT, ONLY TWO OF WHICH IN NORTH) WOULD BE
INCAPABLE OF ENFORCING SUCH A PROHIBITION. USE OF NORTHERN
SOMALI PORTS OF COURSE HELPFUL TO EGYPTIAN OR OTHER SHIPS
ATTEMPTING TO CLOSE ENTRANCE TO RED SEA,) WE BELIEVE SUCH
SOMALI PORT FACILITIES AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED BY ARAB NATIONS.
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